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SUBJECT: PROPOSED ADVANCED TRAINING FOR CYPRIOT NATIONAL GUARD
OFFICERS

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1. IT SEEMS TO US THAT TURKISH REACTION TO US TRAINING OF GREEK
CYPRIOT OFFICERS PROBABLY WOULD BE TOUGHER THAN ESTIMATED IN
REFTEL. THE TURKS COULD BASE A PROTEST ON THESE POINTS:

A. THE CYPRUS NATIONAL GUARD HAS NO INTERNATIONAL LEGAL
STANDING, BEING WITHOUT BASIS IN THE CYPRUS CONSTITUTION OR
OTHER INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS GOVERNING THE STATUS OF CYPRUS;

B. THE ONLY PROSPECTIVE USE OF THE US TRAINING WOULD BE AGAINST
THE TURKISH SIDE;

C. TURKEY, A NATO ALLY, HAS BEEN SUBJECTED SINCE 1975 TO
RESTRICTIONS ON US MILITARY ASSISTANCE WHICH HAVE IN PART RESULTED
IN A REDUCTION IN OFFICER TRAINING IN THE US;

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D. WHILE THE GREEK CYPRIOTS WOULD PAY FOR THE PROPOSED
TRAINING, IT CAN BE ARGUED THAT THEY HAVE BEEN RECEIVING GRANT AID
FOR OTHER PURPOSES WHICH FREES THEIR OWN FUNDS FOR THIS PRUPOSE;

E. TO TRAIN GREEK CYPRIOT NATIONAL GUARD OFFICERS WITHOUT TRAIN-
ING TURKISH CYPRIOT SECURITY FORCE OFFICERS WOULD BE ONE-SIDED, AND

MOREOVER SUGGESTS AN OPENING TOWARD
FURTHER US MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO THE GREEK CYPRIOT NATIONAL GUARD;

F. ADDED TO WHAT THE TURKS REGARD AS ILLICIT GREEK TRANSFERS
OF US-SUPPLIED MILITARY EQUIPMENT TO CYPRUS BEGINNING IN 1964,
THE TRAINING WOULD SUGGEST THAT THE US IS PUNISHING ONLY TURKISH
ACTIONS IN CYPRUS.

2. WHILE WE APPRECIATE THE POSSIBLE BENEFITS OF THE TRAINING,
WE BELIEVE THE DEPARTMENT SHOULD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE UNDESIR-
ABILITY OF AROUSING FRESH TURKISH RESENTMENT REGARDING US
MILITARY AID OR POLITICAL EVEN-HANDEDNESS AT THIS TIME.
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